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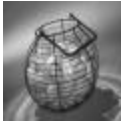
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices in the Northeast and Southeast were slightly lower on mediums and unchanged on larger sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Prices in all other regions and in New York were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate at best, instances fairly good in spot locations. Supplies were sufficient for larger sizes while mediums ranged adequate to at times ample for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were readily available for the light to fair at best demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate and best into features while food service movement was reported as light. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate to ample for mediums. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light for heavy breaking stock and light to moderate for the lighter weights. Demand was quiet. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	57-60			
LARGE	53-62	55-58	LARGE	35-44	39
MEDIUM	27-36	29-32	MEDIUM	9-15	13
			SMALL	7-11	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were slightly lower on medium eggs and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were readily available for the light to fair at best demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-79	65-68
LARGE	54-68	59-63
MEDIUM	28-41	33-35

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and distributive demand was generally moderate. Supplies of larger sizes were adequate with smaller sizes adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were limited for heavy weight breaking stock and adequate for lighter weight product. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-77	70-73
LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
MEDIUM	33.5-42	35-39

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on the larger sizes and slightly lower on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for lighter weights and irregular on the heavier weights. Demand was light to moderate for mostly normal breaking schedules. Spent hen offerings were readily available for a light to fair at best demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63.5-71	65-68
LARGE	62-69	63-66
MEDIUM	31.5-39	32-36

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	68-72
LARGE	66-70
MEDIUM	40-44

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-62
MEDIUM	33-41	34-36

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 3% lower than last Monday with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 8%. Retailer demand fair, best to cover features. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was unchanged from last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate, best where features planned. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 52.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	128
EXTRA LARGE	113
LARGE	100
MEDIUM	72

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-329	JUMBO	
LARGE	249-299	EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	189-195	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 25, 2006 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 18, 2006 were 330,773 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	274,016	56,757	330,773
% change from the prior week.....	-4	+4	-3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light for heavy breaking stock and light to moderate for the lighter weights. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	30-32	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-23	16-18
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly lower. Demand was light. Offerings were fully adequate. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
21-AUG-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-8 CENTS/LB.		4.94

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair and generally unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
21-AUG-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7 CENTS/LB.		4.92
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AUGUST 21, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.5	15.0	5.4	11.6	14.1 52.6
	Change	1.0	2.2	0.1	2.0	2.3 17%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.3	49.9	11.4	20.0	38.3 144.9
	Change	8.2	3.8	-1.1	1.0	-2.7 7%
Large	Curr Wk	41.3	148.1	65.3	84.4	107.0 446.1
	Change	4.8	25.9	3.3	1.7	-7.1 7%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.1	52.5	25.3	25.9	34.1 153.9
	Change	3.2	-24.2	-2.8	-3.8	-3.9 -17%
Small	Curr Wk	5.9	11.3	2.4	5.9	6.4 31.9
	Change	1.1	0.8	1.0	-1.1	2.6 16%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.2	44.3	7.6	12.7	5.1 72.9
	Change	0.1	-11.0	-1.2	-16.8	1.1 -28%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.3	62.3	24.8	26.1	28.2 151.7
	Change	-2.5	2.8	8.7	1.9	-0.3 8%
Total	Curr Wk	108.6	383.4	142.2	186.6	233.2 1054.0
Percent	Change	17%	0%	6%	-7%	-3% 0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1054.0	0%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	238.4	-7%	35

Total Shell Egg	1292.4	-1%	201
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 07, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 07, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 18, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								26.75		FUTURE LOADS								18.50		TOTAL LOADS								45.25		
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW										
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST			LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			LOADS
GNR W 1	37.50	—		38.50	40.00			—	—			3.00	GL W J	73.00	—		—	—			—	—	78.00	1.00		—	78.00			1.00
GL W XL	—	53.50		—	54.00			46.30	49.00			10.25	GL W XL	—	59.00		—	—			—	—	58.89	7.25		—	58.89			7.25
GL W LG	—	—		—	—			41.08	—			7.00	GL W LG	39.22	49.88		—	—			—	—	46.93	10.50		—	46.93			10.50
GL W MD	—	—		—	—			18.33	—			6.75	GL W MD	25.40	32.00		—	—			—	—	30.33	4.75		—	30.33			4.75
GL W SM	—	—		22.00	24.50			—	—			1.50																		
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—			—	—			4.00																		
NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—			—	—			1.00																		
NRBS - 36	—	—		—	—			14.50	16.00			1.00																		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/14/06-08/18/06

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
136.75								49.75								186.50							
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	37.50	—	38.00	39.67	35.00	—	16.00	GNR W 1	43.00	47.00	—	—	—	—	5.00								
GNR BR 1	52.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W J	74.00	—	—	—	—	79.00	2.00								
GL W XL	—	54.20	51.50	53.47	45.93	49.00	48.50	GL W XL	—	55.00	—	63.33	—	59.10	26.50								
GL W LG	—	55.45	41.75	48.33	42.82	49.00	59.25	GL W LG	39.22	50.58	—	53.16	—	52.12	50.25								
GL W MD	28.00	24.80	19.70	21.30	18.80	21.24	23.00	GL W MD	22.10	24.85	—	—	—	29.71	15.25								
GL W SM	23.38	26.75	22.33	25.25	19.00	21.75	12.50	GL W SM	17.06	—	—	—	22.00	25.15	5.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	31.88	15.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	22.00	18.00																
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	14.50	16.00	1.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/14/06	08/07/06	08/15/05
PACIFIC COAST	133	140	231
LOS ANGELES	130	137	226

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is slightly lower on medium, steady on the balance. Supplies of extra large and large are adequate for current needs. Retail demand is fairly good to good. PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	83.86
LARGE	79.86
MEDIUM	49.86
SMALL	45.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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